

Hockey Coaching Changes

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The UNB Athletic Department has relieved Rick Nickelchok from his duties as head coach of the UNB Red Devils. Assistant coach and acting head coach Mark Jeffrey was announced to be Rick's replacement. The announcement came two weeks after Rick was suspended by the Athletic Department pending a review by the Department's Coaching Assessment Committee. The review arose from complaints put forth by some players on the team.

Rick's replacement ends a tough two and a half years with the Devils. His record of 12-48-3 was one of the factors that contributed to his being replaced.

The Athletic Department announced the change in coaching staff on December 21 at the Colter Room. Jim Born, UNB

Athletic Director, apologized for the delay, as they were giving Rick some time to think over his options.

The Athletic Department chose



Rick Nickelchok

Mark Jeffrey for the reason that his name continually arose in conversations with players during Rick's review. Comments were made that he was an individual who is able to relate to the players. Assistant coach Shane Parker was also considered, but the Department felt Mark would be the best choice.

Mark has no plans on continuing to coach the Red Devils for next year. "I'm glad I have this opportunity to coach but I want to continue my business career after the season."

The Athletic Department suspended Rick on November 26, one day before UNB was to play STU at the AUC. Mark Jeffrey was installed as interim head coach until the Athletic Department's Assessment Committee finished its review. The Athletic Department must

have felt the circumstance were serious enough for them to hold Rick's review a month earlier than his scheduled January



Mark Jeffrey

review. The Athletic Department would not elaborate on the circumstance of the review due to confidentiality, but Jim Born added "The Assessment Committee had 11 different points for Rick's dismissal from his coaching position. Disgruntled players was only one of them."

Rick will still continue to teach and be Director of the UNB Summer Hockey School for the remainder of the year.

With Mark finishing in March the Athletic Department will be looking for a new head coach for the Red Devils. One individual who is mentioned a lot in conversation is a former UNB Red Devil, Gary Agnew. Gary was a team mate of Mark's and played on the '84 A U A A Championship team. Gary is presently the assistant coach of the London Nights of the OHL.

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NEW SECURITY CHIEF AT UNB

Richard A. Peacock has been appointed director of security for the Fredericton campus of the University of New Brunswick.

Mr. Peacock, who began his new duties on Jan. 3, comes to UNB after a 21-year career as a peace officer with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Born in Moncton, he received his early education there and in the city of Saint John, where he graduated from the Saint John Vocational School in 1967. He immediately joined the RCMP and, following training in Saskatchewan and Alberta, spent most of his police career at postings in Newfoundland and Ottawa. In addition to completing several specialized training programs at the Canadian Police College in

Ottawa, Mr. Peacock received a BA degree, with a major in law, from Carleton University in 1982.

Mr. Peacock brings a wide range of experience to his new



Mr. Richard Peacock

duties, having been involved in detachment operations and major crime investigations in many parts of Newfoundland, and worked in identification services, the commercial crime branch, and the economic crime directorate in Ottawa.

"In some ways the campus is like a small town, so working at UNB will be very much like the most pleasant of my early duties as an officer in several small detachments," Mr. Peacock said. "My overall objective is to provide the maximum security service to UNB with the available resources."

Mr. Peacock succeeds C.F. Williamson, who has retired after 17 years as head of security on UNB's Fredericton campus.

Varsity-Mania KICKS OFF SECOND TERM

What do you get when you take a pre-game warm-up at the College Hill Social Club, add 600 loud and rowdy S.T.U. fans at a Friday night hockey game, plus 1000 even louder and rowdier U.N.B. fans sitting opposite them at the Aitken Centre, throw in 200 loud horns and 300 foam hands, mix in a few hundred students with their faces painted, add a huge pink pig with a goalie stick, plus free pizza being delivered to people in the crowd, toss in 200 frisbees, add an inter-residence

challenge, mix in a varsity-team-challenge, plus a t.v. station to film it and a radio station to broadcast it, throw in the fiercest cross campus rivalry in Canada, and top it off with 6 guys in red sweatshirts to coordinate it that'll do just about anything crazy for fun, and what have you got???

Well... you've got Varsity-Mania VII - "The Movie" and it takes place this Friday night at 7:00 p.m. at the A.U.C. and you don't want to miss it!!

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